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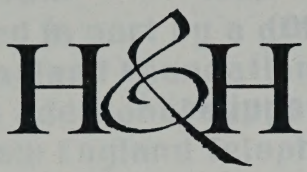

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THE HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY

Christopher Hogwood, Artistic Director

John Finney, conductor
James David Christie, organist
Stephen Lehning, violone
The Handel and Haydn Chorus

Sunday, March 17, 1991
4 p.m.
St. Luke's Church
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at Intermission
a Tribute to
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THE PROGRAM

Praeludium in D Minor (BuxWV 140) — Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Musikalische Exequien — Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

A Tribute to Priscilla Adams Rigg

Introduction
Howard D. Silverman, President
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Rev. David M. Gillespie, St. Luke's Church
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Anne Presser Franklin, a former student of Mrs. Rigg
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Priscilla Adams Rigg

INTERMISSION

Ciaconna in B-flat Major (20 variations) — Johann Bernhard Bach (1676-1749)

"Jesu, meine Freude" (BWV 227) — Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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THE ENSEMBLE

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James David Christie, organist
Stephen Lehning, violone

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- Roberta Anderson
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- Rachel Hersey
- Silvia Irving
- Sharon Kelley

Altos:
- Susan Byers
- Pamela Dellal
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- Marjorie McDermott

Tenors:
- Walter Dixon
- Martin Kelly
- Rockland Osgood
- Mark Sprinkle

Basses:
- Jonathan Barnhart
- Hermann Hildebrand
- Richard Morrison
- Donald Wilkinson

JOHN FINNEY

John Finney holds degrees in organ performance from the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music and the Boston Conservatory. He studied at the North German Organ Academy with Harald Vogel and at the Academy for Italian Organ Music with Luigi Tagliavini. Other teachers have included David S. Boe and James David Christie (organ) and Lisa Goode Crawford (harpsichord).

Mr. Finney has performed solo recitals throughout the United States and Europe and has appeared as organist and harpsichordist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Orchestra of St. Luke's, the New York Bach Ensemble and the Smithsonian Chamber Players. Currently director of music at the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church, Mr. Finney plays regularly with the Handel & Haydn Society and is chorusmaster for the Boston Early Music Festival Chorus. He is also conductor of the Heritage Chorale in Framingham.

JAMES DAVID CHRISTIE

James David Christie has been acclaimed as one of the finest organists of his generation. He has performed throughout the United States and Europe in solo concert and with major symphony orchestras under such conductors as Ozawa, Masur, Colin Davis, Tennstedt, Schuller, Andrew Davis and Bernstein.

Mr. Christie received his degrees from the Oberlin Conservatory and the New England Conservatory. In 1977, he was awarded the

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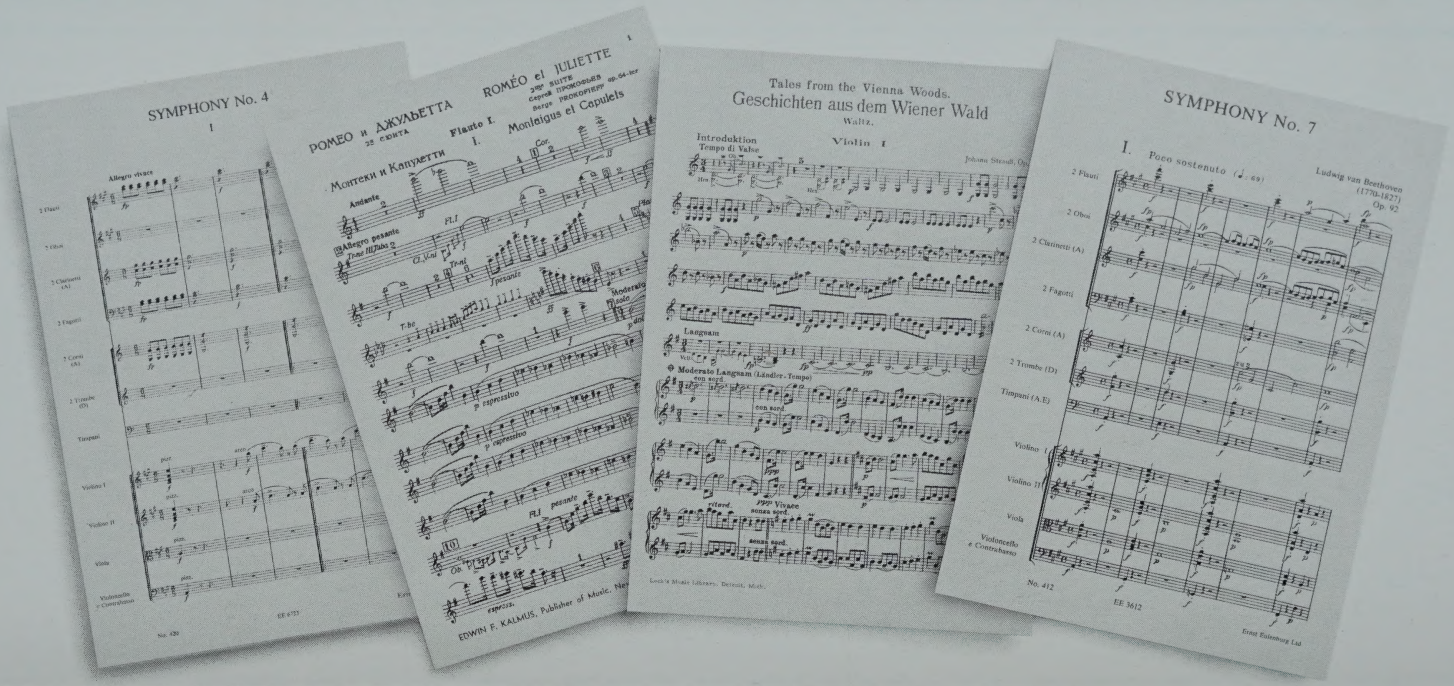

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Andrew Massey, Conductor
Pavel Berman, Violin

Saturday, April 20, 1991
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Paul Phillips, Conductor
Kathryne Jennings, Soprano

May 4, 1991
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Andrew Massey, Conductor
Garrick Ohlsson, Piano

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prestigious Artist's Diploma from the New England Conservatory. In 1980 he was honored by the New England School of Law, Boston, with the honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts for his outstanding contributions to the musical life of the city of Boston. His teachers include David Boe, Yuko Hayashi, Harald Vogel, Bernard Lagacé and Marie-Claire Alain.

He has recorded extensively and is presently College Organist and Visiting Professor of Music at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Chairman of the Organ and Harpsichord Department at the Boston Conservatory, Organist-in-Residence at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Organ Instructor at Wellesley College and Organist of the Boston Symphony.

THE HANDEL & HAYDN SOCIETY

The Handel & Haydn Society was founded in Boston in 1815. A key figure in its founding and early development was Gottlieb Graupner, a professional musician who had played under Haydn in the Salomon Concerts (1791-1792) in London. Through its many publications and performances the Society quickly established itself in the forefront of musical activities in America. Its well-trained amateur chorus of over 400 singers was unsurpassed, the professional musicians in its orchestra some of the best in the country, and its soloists among the most famous in Europe and America. After the advent of permanent professional symphony orchestras in major American cities, the

Society's activities became overshadowed, and it eventually became best known for its unique history and its annual performances of Handel's *Messiah*, a work it had introduced to America for the first time in its entirety in 1818.

With the appointment of Thomas Dunn as 'Artistic Director in 1967, the amateur chorus was replaced by a smaller professional ensemble averaging 34 voices, the repertory was expanded, and innovative programs which included works for chamber orchestra, dance, mime and other art forms were introduced. The Society's continued transformation gained added momentum with the appointment of Christopher Hogwood as Artistic Director in 1986. Under his inspired direction, H & H has extended its emphasis on authentic performance practices to include the formation of a period instrument orchestra, greatly expanded its concert activities in and beyond the confines of Boston, initiated one of the largest in-school music programs in Massachusetts, and received critical acclaim for its performances in New England, New York and Chicago.

This afternoon's performance is the second time in 114 years the Society has performed in East Greenwich. According to *The East Greenwich Packet*, a publication of the East Greenwich Preservation Society, a delgation from H & H

assisted a chorus from the New England Normal Institute of Music, a summer music school located at the Greenwich Academy, in a performance of Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, directed by Dr. Eben Tourjee, head of the faculty of music at Greenwich Academy and founder of the New England Conservatory of Music. Greenwich Academy used to be located on grounds adjacent to St. Luke's Church where the Town offices stand.

FUTURE CONCERT DATES

This Season (1990-91)

Soli Espri — Sunday, April 21, 1991

D'Anna Fortunato, mezzo-soprano
Chester Brezniak, clarinet
David Witten, piano

Next Season (1991-92)

Portland String Quartet — Sunday, October 6, 1991

Eastern Brass Quintet — Sun., November 3, 1991

The Infinities — Sunday, March 22, 1992
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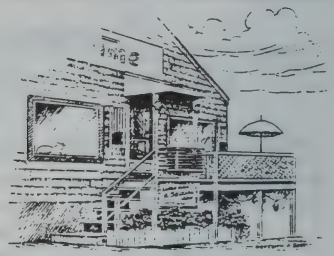

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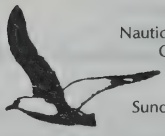

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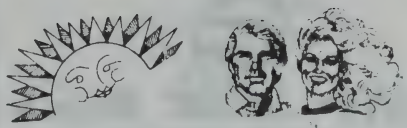

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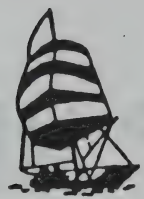

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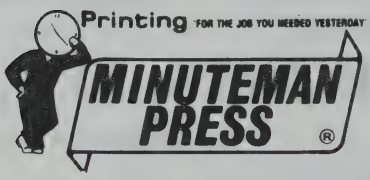

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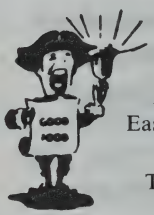

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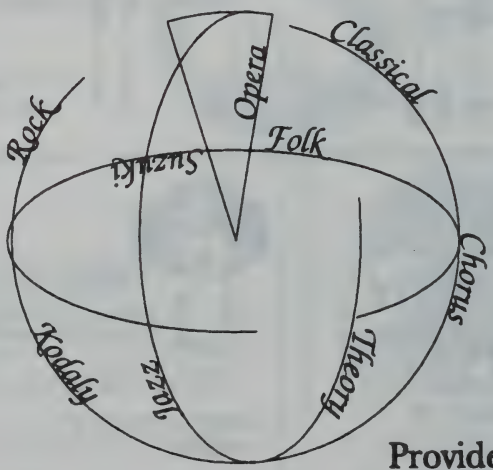

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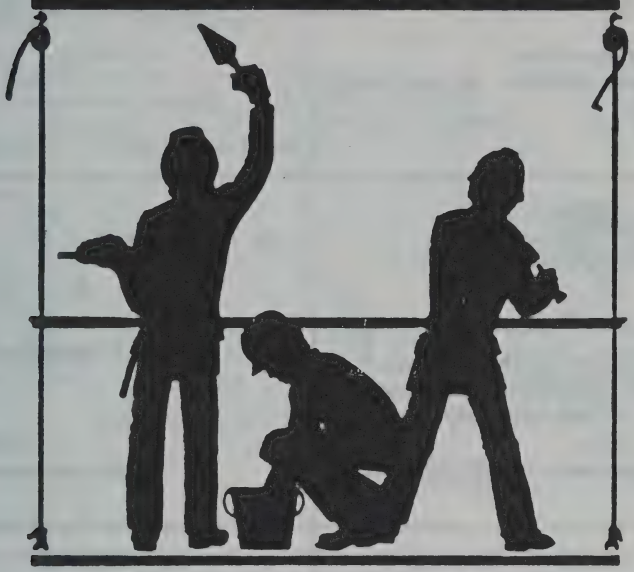

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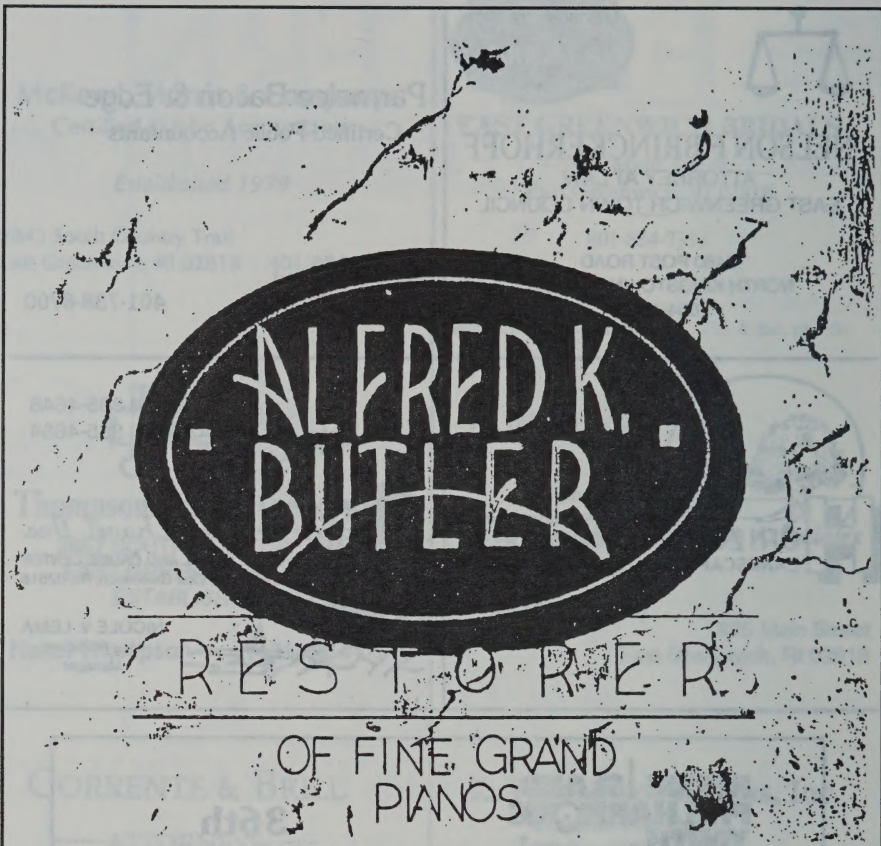

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